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Sir:

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

In response to the Non-final Office Action mailed March 17, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following amendments and remarks. A statutory time period for reply was set to expire three months the mailing of the Office Action, *i.e.*, on June 17, 2008. Applicant hereby requests a three (3) month extension of time extending the time for reply to and including September 17, 2008. A Petition for Extension of Time and the requisite fee are being concurrently submitted. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the filing of this response on September 17, 2008 is timely.

In response to the Office Action, Applicant requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of the Claims, which begins on page **2** of this paper.

Remarks begin on page **5** of this paper.